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Supply of water to ryots in Rayalaseema.

* 1060 Q.—SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to dig wells in tanks and supply water to the ryots in Rayalaseema?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" The answer is in the negative."

House-sites for Harijans in Manthenavaripalem, Guntur district.

* 1061 Q.—SRI V. SRI KRISHNA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Revenue Divisional Officer, Ongole (Guntur district), passed orders as early as 1943 to the effect that the adjoining land of 1 acre 80 cents by the side of the Harijan hamlet of Manthenavaripalem should be acquired for allotment to Harijans as house-sites; and

(b) whether the department has up to this moment taken any steps to put the Revenue Divisional Officer's order into force?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (a) & (b) The proposal for the acquisition of the lands was sanctioned in 1943 but it had to be postponed during the duration of the war and during the subsequent years also on account of the prohibitory orders on the acquisition of wet lands. It has since been taken up and the matter is under active consideration of the Collector."

Alleged confinement of backward class persons in Police stations.

* 1062 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a practice in out-of-the-way Police stations of keeping persons mostly of backward communities confined to Police stations without entering the fact of such confinement in the station diary; and

(b) whether there is any check-up of Police stations by First and Second-class Magistrates to see that Article 22 (1) and (2) of the Constitution of India is respected in practice, and to see if station diaries are correctly maintained in respect of persons so apprehended?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) There is, generally, no check-up of Police stations by First and Second-class Magistrates for the purposes mentioned, but Subdivisional Magistrates and District Magistrates have been empowered to visit Police stations and record their remarks."